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## SENTINAR ON MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS AT MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

Up to 1947, seminars were held regularly at the Divieon of Approximations in the Mathematical Institute imeni V. A. Steklov, Academy of Sciences UESR (this Division has since been changed to the Institute of Precise Mechanics, Academy of Sciences USSR). Since 1947, the seminar has been held at Moscow State University. L. A. Lynsternik was the director until autumn 1947, when I. S. Gradshteyn became director.

In the semirar held in the spring of 1347, L. D. Kudrynvisev submitted a report on "New Mathematical Methods of Calculation by Electrical Circuits," and L. Yo. Sadovskiy submitted.several reports on mathematical instruments (integrators, harmonizers, and "Stil't'yes-planimeters"). A number of reports by I. Ya. Akushskiy, L. Ye. Sadovskiy, and K. A. Karpov were dedicated to problems on analytical-calculating machines. L. Ya. Negebuler and L. A. Lyusteruik submitted reports on mathematical problems of tabulation. A report by Aleksandrov discussed a hydrau-lic instrument for solving systems of linear equations, and one by I. S. Gradshtoyn covered problems of stability in solving systems of linear differential equations. The last report developed in connection with the theoretical analysis of an electrie model of an integrator system by L. I. Gutenmakher.

In the autumn of 1948, at Moscow State University, a new special seminar was organized on algebraic methods of engineering calculations (the seminar on "the applied combiner," conducted by A. G. Kurosh and L. A. Lyusternik). There is no doubt that problems of calculating mathematics, in the broadest sense of the word, will play a substantial role in the work of the mathematical-mechanics and physics faculties of our universities.

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